



November 30, 2012

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683

Dear Federal Communications Commission:

I have written in the past to express my support of LightSquared, and the benefits that it proposes to bring to rural America, and in particular to rural Kentucky. I now write again today to support LightSquared's License Modification Application. I have written to you in the past concerning LightSquared, and as I have told you previously, the rural portions of Kentucky (which make up most of the state) do not have many options for mobile broadband access. Because I believe that LightSquared will change that, I strongly urge you to grant the company's request to modify its license.

As I have written in the past, I am the president and CEO of Utility Management Group, which provides utilities and infrastructure management services throughout Kentucky. Much of our operations are in rural counties, which do not have adequate cell service. As a businessman myself, I think it is admirable that LightSquared has offered to give up its rights to terrestrial use of the spectrum that was alleged to have caused interference issues with GPS devices. As I understand it, the company's willingness to do this means that GPS receivers will have what amounts to a 10 MHz guardband basically at LightSquared's expense.

As I have told you in my earlier letters, the Eastern portion of Kentucky suffered significant damage from tornadoes this past spring. LightSquared stepped up to the plate and provided the emergency workers with satellite telephones, without which they could not have communicated with each other, because there is little or no cell phone service in much of the area hit by the tornadoes.

The work of LightSquared in helping our disaster workers is a reminder of how bad the situation is normally. I work with governments throughout Kentucky, and the goals of local government in Kentucky are the same as the goals of the FCC for rural America. The FCC has said that it supports universal broadband and cellular telephone coverage for rural America, and as someone who travels through rural Kentucky on an almost daily basis, you are correct that this is an important goal.

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As someone who has kept up with LightSquared's efforts to build a new nationwide mobile broadband network, I can also attest to what that kind of competition would mean to a rural state like Kentucky. And with the company's proposed solution to accommodate the GPS industry by vacating its terrestrial rights to the very spectrum alleged to cause interference, it seems that we in rural America may be able to "have our cake and it eat, too." I've long believed that there's no reason why we can't have both a robust GPS system but also the kind of network that LightSquared plans to provide.

It appears that only LightSquared is in a position to help meet all of the FCC's goals without expending any taxpayer funds, or undercutting our economy in any way. In fact, LightSquared's plan to market its services through independent dealers will both increase competition in the areas in which I work, but will help create jobs there as well.

Therefore, I urge the FCC to do everything within its power to help LightSquared place its network into operation.

Sincerely,


Greg May, CEO
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